

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal

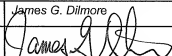
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protections Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/626568
Filing Date	July 27, 2000
First Named Inventor	AAGAARD et al.
Group Art unit	2622
Examiner Name	L. Ye
Attorney Docket Number	01-296-US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date filed on].
 - iii. ☐ Other:
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other:
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three (3) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other:
3. **Fees** The RCE Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 15-0582.
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other: Any additional fees due
 - b. ☐ Check including the amount of \$_____ representing the RCE filing fee is enclosed.
 - c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION/ELECTRONIC FILING

This paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being electronically filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the below-named person under the authority of the undersigned agent/attorney of record on September 27, 2006.

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